

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7357

January Session, 2007

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## AN ACT CONCERNING PARAEDUCATORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2007) The Department of 2 Education, through the State Education Resource Center and within 3 available appropriations for such purposes, shall promote and 4 encourage professional development activities for school 5 paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities. Such activities 6 may include, but shall not be limited to, providing local and regional 7 boards of education with training modules and curricula for 8 professional development for paraprofessionals and assisting boards 9 of education in the effective use of paraprofessionals and the 10 development of strategies to improve communications between 11 teachers and paraprofessionals in the provision of effective student 12 instruction.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Not later than December 1, 2008, the department shall report and make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education concerning professional development for paraprofessionals and the status and future of school paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following	<u> </u>
sections:	

Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	New section

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